

REMARKS

The present communication responds to the Office Action of December 15, 2004. In that Office Action, the Examiner rejected each of claims 1-23.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to the claims obviate this rejection. Reconsideration is thus respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-13 and 17-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jacobson et al. (International Publication No. WO 03/019422 A1) in view of Suzuki (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0027098 A1). This rejection is traversed at least for the following reasons.

Jacobson teaches a mobile productivity tool for healthcare. The mobile productivity tool includes a mobile computing device (MCD) which exerts control over a camera such that no explicit action is required by the user to establish a correct relationship between the photograph and its context. *Jacobson, page 11, lines 8-10*. The MCD and the digital camera are the same physical device, thus enabling a clinician to carry only a single device. *Jacobson, page 11, lines 5-7*. The MCD can then convey data from the MCD to another MCD or another computer in a stationary environment. *Jacobson, page 11, lines 14-27*.

Suzuki discloses an information processing system, apparatus and method, a program storage medium, and a telephone set. While Suzuki discloses a personal information database, Suzuki does not disclose, teach or suggest synching data files between a central computer and a mobile computer.

Neither Jacobson nor Suzuki disclose, teach or suggest storing data files and image files on a central computer, storing corresponding data and image files on a mobile computer, creating

new or modified files on one of the central computer or the mobile computer, and periodically synchronizing the data files between the central computer and the mobile computer and periodically exporting image files stored on the central computer to the mobile computer, all as recited by claim 1. Similarly, neither Jacobson nor Suzuki disclose, teach or suggest storing data files and image files in a master database, synchronizing the data files stored on the master database with data files stored in a first memory of a mobile computer and synchronizing the image files stored on the master database with a database stored in a second memory of the mobile computer by exporting the image files, all as recited by claim 18.

Claim 14 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jacobson et al. (International Publication No. WO 03/019422 A1) in view of Suzuki (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0027098 A1) and further in view of Eino (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0236446 A1). This rejection is traversed at least for the following reasons.

As discussed above in relation to the rejection of claims 1-13 and 17-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jacobson et al. (International Publication No. WO 03/019422 A1) in view of Suzuki (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0027098 A1), the combination of Jacobson and Suzuki fail to disclose the invention as claimed. Eino fails to remedy the fundamental teaching deficiencies of Jacobson and Suzuki. Thus, the applicants respectfully submit that claim 14 is patentable over the combination of Jacobson, Suzuki and Eino. Reconsideration and allowance is thus respectfully requested.

Claims 15 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jacobson et al. (International Publication No. WO 03/019422 A1) in view of Suzuki (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0027098 A1) and further in view of Verts, William T., "An Essay on Endian Order", 1996-04-19, www.cs.umass.edu. This rejection is traversed at least for the following reasons.

As discussed above in relation to the rejection of claims 1-13 and 17-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jacobson et al. (International Publication No. WO 03/019422 A1) in view of Suzuki (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0027098 A1), the combination of Jacobson and Suzuki fail to disclose the invention as claimed. Verts fails to

remedy the fundamental teaching deficiencies of Jacobson and Suzuki. Thus, the applicants respectfully submit that claims 15 and 16 are patentable over the combination of Jacobson, Suzuki and Verts. Reconsideration and allowance is thus respectfully requested.

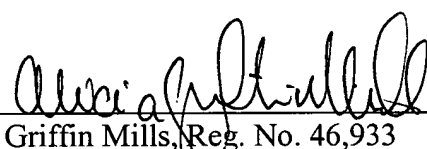
Conclusion

This application now stands in allowable form and reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

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